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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR RAMPHUL'S EFFORT TO BECOME UNGA PRESIDENT

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1. MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SIR HAROLD WALTER,
RAISED SUBJECT OF RAMPHUL'S INTEREST IN GA PRESIDENCY
WITH AMBASSADOR TWICE THIS WEEK, AT JULY 4 RECEPTION
AND BY PHONE JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE JULY 6 FOR
KHARTOUM TO ATTEND OAU MEETING. HE SAID PRIME
MINISTER RAMGOOLAM HAS BEEN PUTTING A LOT OF PRESSURE
ON HIM TO PROMOTE RAMPHUL'S CANDIDACY BUT HE CLAIMED
TO BE RESISTING. (AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, WALTER AND
RAMPHUL HAVE AN INTENSE DISLIKE FOR EACH OTHER.)
I ADVISE WALTER OF OUR VIEWS (PARA 2 REF B) AND
ALSO TOLD HIM RAMPHUL MUST BE AIMING FOR 1979, AS
COLUMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ALREADY BEEN
SELECTED TO ASSUME GA PRESIDENCY THIS YEAR.

2. WALTER CAN BE COUNTED ON TO TRY HIS BEST TO
SCUTTLE RAMPHUL'S CANDIDACY, BUT HE IS ALSO
LIKELY TO BE OVERRULED BY RAMGOOLAM, WHO WILL
HAVE THE FINAL SAY AND WHO ALWAYS DEFENDS AND
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